



*Increasing the Number Competence and Resources  
of Early Interventionists in Areas of Shortage*

## APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

*Deadline: Postmarked November 16, 2005*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please list your degree(s) below:**

<i>Degree</i>	<i>Major</i>	<i>Institution</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>GPA</i>

Have you completed any of the following courses at the GRADUATE level? (Not as part of a bachelor's degree)

☐ Advanced Child Development    ☐ Infant Development    ☐ Introduction to Special Education

### **Current Position**

Current position with First Steps? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your current work load in hours per wee? \_\_\_\_\_

Number of families you are currently serving \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you provided services through First Steps? \_\_\_\_\_

May we contact members of your Technical Assistance Team for a recommendation? Yes ☐ No ☐

If so, who is your Program Consultant? \_\_\_\_\_

Please explain why are you interested in this program and why you should be selected for funding. (Attach another sheet if necessary.) \_\_\_\_\_

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If selected for funding, would you be willing to take 2 courses per semester, including summers? Yes ☐ No ☐

### **Please read the following statement and check whether you agree to these conditions of funding:**

*Upon completion of the IECE certification program, for every one year of INCREAS funding I accept, I agree to provide two years of services through First Steps at a minimum of 30 hours per week.* Yes ☐ No ☐

*If I accept funding, I understand that I must complete a practicum consisting of 100 clock hours in a preschool or Kindergarten setting.*

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*Signature of Applicant*

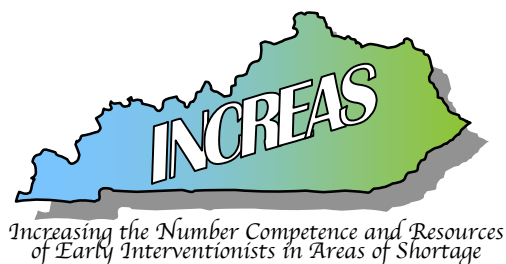
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*Date*



Mail completed application **no later than November 16, 2005** to:

**Project INCREAS**  
**Attn: Julie H. Rutland**  
**University of Kentucky**  
**237C Taylor Education Building**  
**Lexington, KY 40506-0001**





## PROJECT INCREAS

Dear Early Intervention Provider:

University of Kentucky's Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education Program is pleased to announce Project INCREAS: Increasing the Number, Competence, and Resources of Early Interventionists in Areas of Shortage. Project INCREAS will provide tuition support to approximately 30 scholars who need initial IECE (Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education) certification. The project directors for Project INCREAS are Drs. Lee Ann Jung and Jennifer Grisham-Brown.

Project INCREAS will select scholars for funding who (1) are providing developmental intervention through First Steps, (2) have a bachelors degree, (3) do not have IECE certification, and (4) intend to remain a provider in the First Steps system. The project will also base funding decisions on information in the written application and recommendation(s) from the Technical Assistance Teams in applicants' regions. Preference will be given to applicants who are currently providing services in an area that is experiencing a shortage of service providers. Additionally, scholars must have an undergraduate GPA of 2.75. Graduating from the IECE Program requires admission into the Teacher Education Program (TEP). In order to be admitted to TEP, scholars must have a score of (1) 21 or greater on the ACT, (2) 990 composite score on the SAT, **OR** (3) 800 on the GRE with a minimum score of "4" on the analytic portion.

Scholars who are selected for funding will be able to complete the IECE certification program through two years of part time study, with continued funding contingent upon successful performance in the program. Project INCREAS coursework will be delivered almost exclusively through distance education formats, though no guarantee can be made that every course will be offered via distance education. In addition to the eight required courses, each scholar will be required to complete three, 100-hour practica. One, 100-hour practicum must be completed in a classroom setting with children ages 3-5. These 100 hours may be spread across more than one semester, but because the IECE certification qualifies recipients to teach birth through kindergarten, this must remain as a requirement of the program. The other two practica may be completed during developmental intervention service provision through First Steps.

In order to apply for funding, you must complete the enclosed INCREAS APPLICATION FOR FUNDING and return it with no later than a November 16<sup>th</sup> postmark date to the address on the application. ***Applications mailed after that time, or submitted through any other format will not be accepted.*** Funding decisions will be announced November 22<sup>nd</sup>. In order to apply to the program, you must also complete both a University of Kentucky Graduate School application and a Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Counseling application. These two applications are due by December 5<sup>th</sup> for Spring enrollment and should be mailed to the addresses on the applications. The Graduate School application should be mailed directly to the Graduate School, and the department application should be mailed directly to the department. On the Graduate school application item #15, check the box "5<sup>th</sup> Year Certification." For item #16, enter SPED "Special Education" for the program, and EBD "Certification with Bachelor's degree" for the type of applicant. On the Department application, check "Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education" for proposed area of study and certification area.

If you have additional questions about applying or need any of the applications, please contact Mary Hrabak at (859) 257-4713. We appreciate your interest and hope to see you in the spring.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lee Ann Jung".

Lee Ann Jung, PhD

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Grisham-Brown".

Jennifer Grisham-Brown, EdD